



**PROJECT:** Burns Small Boat Harbor and Waterway, Porter County, Portage, Indiana

**AUTHORIZATION:** The operation and maintenance of the Burns Small Boat Harbor and Waterway was authorized by Section 107 of the 1960 River, Harbor and Flood Control Act, and the 1984 Project Cooperation Agreement between the Chicago District Corps of Engineers and the Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission.

**DESCRIPTION:** Prior to FY00, the authorized navigation project at Burns Small Harbor and Waterway had not been dredged since the harbor's construction in the early 1980's. The increased sedimentation combined with below-average Lake Michigan water levels was creating obstructions for recreational boat traffic. Soundings and sediment sampling were completed in FY99 and early FY00. Dredging of approximately 120,000 cubic yards from the approach channel, harbor and waterway was completed in FY00. Even though IDNR fish stocking of Burns Waterway limited when the dredging could be done, work was completed two weeks ahead of schedule.

**FY 01 WORK:** (\$0)

- Soundings at localized shoaled areas reported following FY00 dredging

**FY 02 WORK:** (\$0)

**PROJECT COSTS:** N/A

**LOCAL SPONSORS:** Lake Michigan Marina Development Commission, Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission. Advisor-Partners: Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Lake Michigan Field Office (IDNR)

**ISSUES/CONCERNS:**

The windows for completing the dredging are limited by IDNR fish stocking of Burns Waterway.